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The respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il Sung among children

Long Life and Good Health to the Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Today the entire Korean people celebrate the most memorable birthday of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of our Party and our people. It is the greatest fete of the nation.

Greeting this historic day, our people offer the utmost glory to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and sincerely wish him a long life in good health, overwhelmed with boundless esteem and reverence for him.

The birth of the respected and beloved leader on April 15, 1912 was a historic event of paramount importance for the future destiny of the Korean people and our revolutionary cause.

Respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung was born in a family which had been patriotic and revolutionary through successive generations. It was not until he came forward to lead the revolution that the age-old desire of our people who had been eagerly looking forward to a great leader was brought to brilliant realization and the Korean revolution ushered in a new era of triumph and advance, putting an end to the history of distress.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"I crossed the Amnok-gang River when I was 13, firmly determined not to return until Korea became independent. Young as I was, I could not repress my sorrow as I sang the 'Song of the Amnok-gang River' someone had written, and I wondered when I would be able to tread this land again and when I would return to this land where I had grown up and which held our forefathers' graves."

For a long duration ever since he set off on the road of revolution in his early years, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, bearing the destinies of the country and the people on his shoulders and weathering through repeated difficulties and trials, led all revolutionary struggles and construction work to victory and ran up the staircase of resplendent and tremendous revolutionary exploits which will shine forever in the history of the country and in the annals of the revolutionary movement of the working class.

The course of revolution pursued by the respected and beloved leader is a history of his unbounded fidelity and devoted service to the revolution in which he dedicated his all to the freedom and happiness of the people and the revolutionary cause of Juche, a history interwoven with bloody struggles in which he paved the way for the bright future of the Korean revolution and steered it towards victory through an arduous struggle against imperialism and the class enemies of all brands and a great history adorned with glory and brilliance in which he made undying contributions to the development of the international communist movement and the world revolution.

The path of revolutionary struggle traversed by respected and beloved Comrade Kim Il Sung is a path of glorious struggle of an illustrious revolutionary leader that covered the longest historical period of time, a path of unflagging struggle of an experienced revolutionary leader who bore the brunt of hardships replete with trials unparalleled in severity and a path of sacred struggle of a revolutionary genius that is most comprehensive, greatest and most profound in content.

During the grimmest period of Japanese imperialist rule when the dark clouds of statelessness hung heavily over the heads of our people and the whole nation stood at the crossroads of life and death, the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation and legendary hero, raising aloft the banner of Juche, propounded the absolutely correct guiding ideology and strategy and tactics for the Korean revolution and serried the broad revolutionary forces as one body, thereby leading the communist movement and national liberation movement of our country straightly along the road of victory.

The respected and beloved leader organized and led the glorious anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and thus realized the historic cause of the restoration of the fatherland and built up the eternal revolutionary traditions—the deep and strong historical roots enough for our Party and revolution to win victory after victory never wavering in all ages.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung cut a conspicuous figure for the first time in our people's history spanning thousands of years. After liberation he founded the Workers' Party of Korea, a Party of a new, Juche type, and strengthened and developed it into a revolutionary and militant Party, the members of which are knitted together as one on the basis of the monolithic ideological system of Juche; established a state of proletarian dictatorship and working people's organizations in our country and increased their functions and role in every possible way; and founded the People's Army and trained and tempered it into a revolutionary armed force, each of whose members is strong enough to be a match for a hundred foes.

Thanks to the great leader's wise guidance, our working class and the rest of our labouring people came to have a powerful system of proletarian dictatorship with the Party—the seasoned general staff of the revolution—as its guiding force and have been able to vigorously push ahead with the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Employing his genial military strategy and tactics and superb commanding art, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader and the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, organized and guided our people and the People's Army to win victory in the war and thus inflicted a crushing defeat, political and military, upon the US imperialist aggressors for the first time in history, defended the country's independence and the nation's dignity and started the US imperialists skidding along a downhill path.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the genius of creation and construction, charted out a unique way for the democratic revolution, socialist revolution and socialist construction in our country which once remained a colonial semi-feudal society, set up the most advanced socialist system in a historically brief span of time, built up an independent and modern socialist industrial state in this land where everything lay in ruins due to the war and brought about epochal changes and miracles in all spheres.

Hence, our country is now demonstrating its dignity as a socialist power of independence, self-support and self-defence.

Indeed, all that is most precious and honourable for our country and people is, without exception, associated with the august name of the great leader and existent by virtue of his clear-sighted leadership.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung set the reunification of the divided country as the supreme national task, advanced correct line and policies for its realization, through which he has energetically promoted the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution and intelligently led the struggle of all our overseas compatriots for the reunification of their home country and for their democratic, national rights.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is contributing a large share to the advancement of the international communist movement and the revolutionary movement of the oppressed and exploited peoples the world over.

The great leader built up a mighty bastion of socialism at an outpost in the East and showed a historical short-cut for the world revolutionary people to translate the ideal of mankind into reality full of confidence.

The great leader who opened up a new epoch of national liberation struggle in colonies, an age of fresh upswing in the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle by bringing to victorious conclusion two revolutionary wars fought against Japanese and US imperialisms is now vigorously inspiring the world working class and the peoples of the new-emerging forces to victory in their just struggle for final defeat of imperialism and for national independence and socialism.

In point of fact, the revolutionary achievements made by the great leader are immeasurably extensive and fruitful ones which will serve for the whole historical period ranging from the stage of national liberation revolution to that of the cause of the working class and immensely spectacular ones which effected a radical turn in the overall historical development of our time.

The revolutionary feats performed by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are extremely tremendous and splendid because they reflect his brilliant ideas and theories, his matchlessly distinguished ability of leadership and his loftiest virtues.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a great thinker and theoretician who fathered the immortal Juche idea through his exceedingly deep-going and diverse ideological and theoretical activities—a thought that holds the highest and most radiant place in the history of human thought.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary idea, the great revolutionary banner in the era of Juche, is a great guiding ideology, guiding theory and guiding method of revolution representing the present time and the whole historical age of the future.

The respected and beloved leader's revolutionary idea whose justice and truth have already been verified to the full in practice is displaying its invincible, great vitality to a greater extent as days go by.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is a past master of the art of leadership who advances the revolution steadily along the straight road of victory in whatever difficulties and ordeals, maintaining the steadfast stand of Juche and endowed with unswerving adherence to the revolutionary principle, unusually skillful organizing capacity and extraordinary revolutionary sweep, steel-strong will and unremitting energy. He is a benignant father who devotes his whole life to bringing happiness to the people and shares joys and sorrows with them, always finding himself among the masses of simple and ordinary people, with a most ardent love for them.

Every honour, happiness, pride and dignity of our nation and people is really unthinkable without the great leader.

That is why all the Korean people who greet the full-significant birthday of the respected and beloved leader are filled with the feelings of deepest veneration for and gratitude to the great leader.

His longevity is the inmost earnest wish and unanimous will of our people who have covered the road of revolution with fortitude, entrusting their destinies and the future of the rising generation entirely to the great leader over a long period of half a century.

On the long life and good health of the great leader hinge the reunification of the country and the nation-wide victory of the revolution as well as the permanent prosperity of Juche Korea and the eternal welfare of our people.

We earnestly pray the respected and beloved leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, peerless patriot, national hero and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, may enjoy a long life in good health for the complete victory of socialism in the northern half of the Republic and the independent reunification of the country, for the immense happiness and everlasting grandeur of our people and for the ultimate triumph of the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Great Leader, Father of People

Today our people who feel great national pride and self-confidence in having great Comrade Kim Il Sung as their leader, mark his birthday as the happiest of country holidays.

Marking this day we glance in retrospect with deep emotion over the great leader's glorious history of revolutionary struggle — a history replete with the undiminished Juche idea and his superb leadership and a history woven through with his lofty virtues shown for the people.

Creating the everlasting Juche idea and bringing about a new era of Juche in this land — this is the world historically most important feat performed by the great leader.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"In a nutshell, the idea of Juche means that the masters of the revolution and the work of construction are the masses of the people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and the work of construction. In other words, one is responsible for one's own destiny and one has also the capacity for hewing out one's own destiny."

The immortal revolutionary philosophy which has come into being as a reflection of the requirements of our great era when the masses of the people are carrying on revolution and construction, taking their place on the stage of history—this is the great discovery which has opened up the second epoch of mankind, the epoch which has for the first time in history enabled men to recognize their true value and limitless wellsprings of strength and made them the most powerful beings.

We were confronted with the task of producing the solution to the urgent questions raised by our time. A total exposition of these questions was properly undertaken by the great leader. And he did this by developing the great truth that man is the master of all things; he is the most precious and powerful treasure who decides everything; the masses of the people must carry on their work, believing in their own strength and with their own efforts.

The Juche idea which enables the people to realize their position as the master of revolution and gives them firm confidence in their strength — the bourgeoning of this great thought released inexhaustible strength and zeal of the masses of the people, who were once subjected to exploitation and oppression, in their revolutionary struggle, like an active volcano.

The creation of the Juche idea meant that our people were made possible to have an encyclopedic guideline giving answers to all problems arising in each stage and in all realms of revolution and have an all-conquering leverage, with which to solve all problems confidently by using their own brains, by their own efforts and in conformity to the specific conditions of their country.

It also meant the emergence of a new guiding idea of revolution that lit beacon flares to show the path of struggle and it was a solemn historic declaration announcing the birth of the great era of Juche when the popular masses became the master capable of reforming the world.

The fact that this great truth could be discovered by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in his young age, then less than 20, was entirely the outcome of his brilliant wisdom and his original ideological and theoretical activity.

From the first days when he set out on to the road of revolution, taking on his shoulders the destiny of both country and people, the great leader maintained the Juche approach to all questions.

He always warned against dependence on others and dogmatic attitude toward any existing theory and experience.

In studying the preceding revolutionary theory and experience of the working class he adopted such stand. This quality led him to advance the absolutely correct Juche line and strategic and tactical policies for the Korean revolution that conformed to the specific conditions of our country and the interests of our people.

The great leader found out the truth of revolution in his energetic practical activity.

He was critical of the members of the preceding nationalist movement and the early communist movement who were preoccupied with sectarian strife and bickering, divorced from the masses and revolutionary practice. He went into the midst of the popular masses and, relying on them, undertook the struggle for both national and class liberation from the stand of independence.

In the course of organizing and leading the arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, he hardened his conviction that the masses of the people were the very masters of the revolution and their strength was the key to the solution of all questions and that the most correct attitude and position to be maintained in the revolutionary struggle were to solve all matters independently in the interests of people and in keeping with the specific conditions of the country.

On the basis of the renowned Juche idea the great leader built up a complete system of theory on revolution and construction and theory of mass leadership with his exceptionally diversified, profound ideological and theoretical activity. This signified the appearance of an entirely new, original system of the revolutionary idea of the working class.

He is a great revolutionary practician who steers the Korean revolution along the right path of victory, splendidly incorporating the Juche idea in revolution and construction.

The Korean revolution was, indeed, arduous, complex and severe. The two revolutionary wars fought against Japanese and US invaders and the struggle to turn a colonial, semi-feudal land haunted by centuries-old backwardness into a mighty modern socialist industrial state were fraught with arduousness and complexity.

The great leader, a past master of the art of revolution, upholding the banner of Juche throughout the whole course of revolution and construction, overcame all difficulties and trials with full mobilization of great strength and talent of the masses, steadily leading the revolution to a new upswing.

Whenever the revolution was confronted with difficulty he always believed in the wisdom of people and relied on their strength.

In the years of 1956 and 1957 when the country was plagued by the machinations of enemies at home and abroad, the great leader visited the workers of the Kangson Steel Plant and lit the flames of the Chollima Movement. In the years of 1967 and 1968 when the situation of the country became extremely tense, caused by the plots of US imperialist aggressors to start a new war he went to Ryongsong to call the workers to action to reach a fresh high tide in economic and defence upbuilding.

Behind all innovations and miraculous achievements in our revolution and construction is the superb art of leadership of the great leader who has firmly believed in the strength of people and relied on their inexhaustible creative power to actively promote the revolution and construction under any complex and difficult circumstances.

The great leader, endowed with clairvoyant powers, has taken into consideration the present objective, but his mind has held the vision of the distant future, too. Noticing at once the people's aspirations and the problem of their living as they arose, he set out the proper line and the slogan of struggle.

When the oppression of the Japanese imperialists had reached its apex and the people found it difficult to resist them barehanded, he put out a revolutionary slogan—respond to counter-revolutionary violence by revolutionary violence—thus showing the people in distress the path leading to victory.

Immediately after the country's liberation when south Korea was occupied by the US imperialists and the internal and external situation was vastly complex and the masses of the people were quite at a loss to know what to do, he saw through the aggressive nature of US imperialism and adopted the line of building a revolutionary democratic base, thus clearly pointing to the road leading to reunification and independence and independent development, the path to be followed by new Korea.

While steering the people towards the struggle to fulfil the immediate tasks of revolution with a far-sighted plan, he directed much attention to securing the future earnest of fresh changes.

In carrying out the agrarian reform he had a keen eye for the creation of favourable conditions for co-operation, visualizing the future construction of a socialist countryside. Even in the difficult wartime when the whole land was in flames he mapped out a blueprint for postwar rehabilitation and proceeded with preparations for the building of a magnificent homeland, planting pillars from which to come the country's eternal prosperity.

The art of leadership of the beloved leader as a great practician finds its vivid expression in his top-level organization skill and energetic activity in organization.

At the early age of 14, he formed from an independent position the "Down-with-Imperialism Union", the first genuinely communistic revolutionary organization in our country. In only several years after its establishment he brought the broad masses—children, youth and students, workers, peasants and women—into various revolutionary organizations.

Immediately after the country's liberation the situation was very complex. Every lane swarmed with white terrorists with weapons hidden under their overcoats. In this dangerous situation he took up the gauntlet, in order to unite the northern half of the Republic into a single political force. At one time he singly paid a midnight call on a youth organization in Pyongyang during a heavy snowstorm; on one occasion he flew to a town in the northwestern tip where reactionary elements were on the move and spoke with fervor before tens of thousands of crowds at the public playground; and at another time he offered himself as lecturer in lengthy hours before intellectuals at an auditorium.

The great leader was seen in fact everywhere—sometimes at square, theatre, auditorium and factory compound. He was seen chalking down the keynote of his lecture on the board in bold letters. And at another time he was seen giving clear-cut answers to the unreserved questions raised by the masses full of emotion and reverence. Workers, peasants, petty-bourgeoisie and even national capitalists thus went through a political awakening; and encouraged and inspired by his speeches and words they set out onto the battlefield of revolution advancing like a torrential flow.

He always paid careful attention to all aspects of work, small or big—ranging from the work of Party and government bodies, working people's organizations, factories and farms, educational, cultural and public health institutions to the people's living. Visiting all branches and all units he presented many tasks. After solving one task after another he presented new ones.

From the devoted and energetic activities in organization and his warm care came large factories, wealthy farms, magnificent towns, orchards alive with all sorts of fruit trees, modernly-equipped poultry industry bases and the dense network of school, kindergarten, nursery and hospital.

Indeed, the wise guidance of the great leader has converted this country which once lost eclipse on the world map into a "cradleland of Juche" and a mighty socialist state of independence, self-support and self-defence and made it shed its brilliance on the world.

The whole course of the great leader's revolutionary activities is filled with his lofty love for the people.

He is affectionate father of people, who has totally devoted himself for the freedom and welfare of the people, ignoring personal danger and fatigue.

The fatherly leader not only recovered the lost country, but also trained our workers, farmers and other working people who were humiliated in the former exploiting society into proud masters of the country. He gave them lofty political integrity and shows them warm care in every way with true paternal feelings, encouraging them to add lustre to it on the proud road of revolution.

The fatherly leader who seeks the true value of life in the people's lives that are so satisfying, derives his pleasure from the improved living of the people, their happy life.

On one occasion when he was engaged in on-the-spot guidance at a factory he joined workers to discuss family life with them. Then he dropped in at a worker's house. Seeing rice food and soup in the pot, with lid in his hand, said with a smile: "Oh, that's a fine rice food. Fish soup is appetizing!"

At another time he found time to visit a farmer's home. He looked round the house well furnished, a feeling of great satisfaction welling up in his heart to see that the farmer was leading an abundant life.

He was reluctant to leave there and said with a look of satisfaction: "...you get riches. I mean you will become rich!"

"How good it is! There are many domestic animals and vegetables are in abundance. I dare say the life here is more comfortable than in Pyongyang."

Being this kind of man, the fatherly leader always feels upset at seeing inconvenience in the people's living.

Such love for the people is the blending of unlimited care and the most deep solicitude for the people.

Our fatherly leader who constantly makes inspection tours day and night, covering thousands of, tens of thousands of *ri*, in disregard of rain or snow, and concentrates his effort on bringing the richest and cultured life to them!

He surrounds all the aspects of the people's lives with his warm care and solicitude—giving thoughtful attention to food, clothing and shelters of people, upbringing of children and orphans, improvement of living conditions of people in the remote mountain areas and better conditions for health and rest to smelters, miners and fishing workers.

It is wholly because of his guidance that our people have been able to lead a full and happy life under the socialist system good to live in, with all their centuries-old wishes and aspirations realized.

Indeed, it is the greatest happiness and highest honour of our people that they have great Comrade Kim Il Sung as their leader—a past master of the art of revolution born of mankind and affectionate father of the people.

Moved by the boundless love for the people shown by the fatherly leader who has devoted all his life for the sake of their welfare, out of gratitude to his unfathomable benefaction and swayed by feelings of profound admiration for his sixty-year-odd selfless services, our people sing with a high esteem for him:

We'll follow you to the end of the earth.
We'll attend you till the end of the sun and the moon.
Conveying your benefaction to generations to come,
We'll always remain loyal to you.
May you live long, our great leader, our father.
We pray with all our hearts.

A Song for Comrade KIM IL SUNG

by Mussadeq Ahad Shah (Pakistani Poet)

Many great men from time to time,
Have given new hope, in their own climes,
Worlds being brought with thought anew,
And darkness being wiped with acts all new;

Every legend alive reminds me of one,
The One, the Sole, Great Seer, the Sun,
Whose Glory, whose Shine is very much rare,
Not to be found, whose Rays are dear;

The Sun is known as KIM IL SUNG,
This Light is known as KIM IL SUNG,
This Guide is known as KIM IL SUNG;
This Might is known as KIM IL SUNG;

Born at an hour when bleakness swelled,
Grown in an age when exploiters excelled,
Trampling his country, his beloved motherland,
Poverty dictating with a tyrant's hand;

An angel then emerged in the form of a Man,
Whose presence brightened, and despairs ran,
Out of the hearts of a nation great,
Enemies withered like logs in a grate;

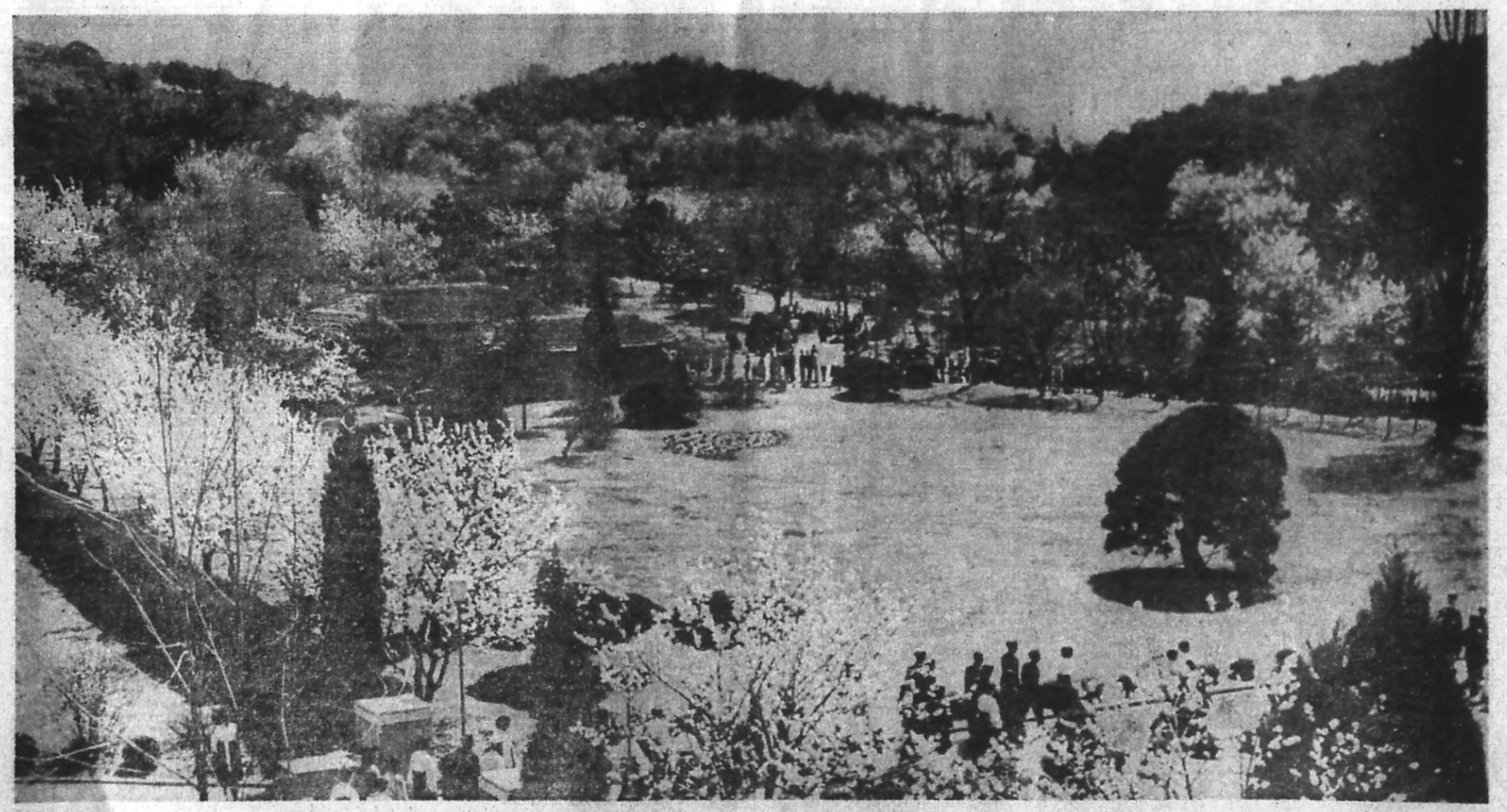
The spell of militarists broke away,
When Koreans swept them in a storm's way;
Reactionaries, war-lords now were at feet,
How swiftly Koreans did them so beat;

Those who had in mind to rule,
A Nation strong, without any rule,
Were crushed by people of that land:
Valiant Koreans, with love of Fatherland;

Now is JUCHE bright to give,
Light for men who want to live
With their heads so high and tall,
Mightier, Strong, to be envied by all;

Sixty-Five years of time and age,
Paints in gold, long history's page;
Revolution now knocks at the world's door,
Revolution has come, now come still more;

KIM IL SUNG! May live you long,
My poetry, my thoughts and many a song,
Live in your Light and will live for you,
The world harks and speaks for You.



Mangyongdae, the native place dear to the hearts of our people. The great leader was born here and nurtured a lofty aim of revolution

VERITABLE PEOPLE'S PARADISE BUILT UNDER THE RAYS OF JUCHE

The streets of the capital enveloped in an immensely happy mood

Holiday of April

April 15 is the happiest day of our people when their hearts are overflowing with great emotion and joy, boundless honour and pride.

This day celebrates the birthday of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. The morning dawns calmly. The whole country is pervaded with the feelings of infinite respect and gratitude for the fatherly leader.

Here in Pyongyang, capital of the revolution, streets present literally the scene of a flower-sea. From early morning an endless stream of people flows into Mansudae Hill. Carrying fragrant flower baskets or bunches of flower in their hands, people proceed to the statue of the great leader at a slow pace. All of them are now guided by one consideration—wishing the great leader longevity. This wish is shared by all our people, of course. Among them are seen members of a delegation of Koreans in Japan who came to the homeland to celebrate the 65th birthday of the great leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

The same mood prevails in scenic Mangyongdae the fatherly leader was born. The place is packed with people who came from all parts of the country.

People ceaselessly throng into the fatherly leader's native house and other places associated with the revolution, Mangyongdae Museum of the Revolution and Mangyong-bong Hill. They include: workers and co-operative farmers with splendid feats in socialist construction, as well as students and lovely children whose hearts are inflamed with loyalty to him.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"It is in the era of our Workers' Party of Korea that Korea which once lost its eclipse has become a mighty and dignified, socialist state with an independent sovereignty, and its name is known throughout the world."

Our people feel infinite honour and happiness in living with a high esteem for the great leader that they have ever had in their history of thousands of years. This honour and happiness cannot be even thought of without the bright morning of April 15.

It was because our people had come under the guidance of the great leader that the celebrated Juche idea was secured, with a mighty socialist state of independence, self-support and self-defence built under its banner, and a new era of national thriving and prosperity was brought about, enabling them to display her dignity to the world.

The minds of compatriots in the south and abroad also turn to Mangyongdae.

Many people in Samchok, Ulsan and other areas in south Korea grow "Mangyong flower" in their yards with utmost care as a token of their yearning toward Mangyongdae and they gain strength and courage from it, lavishing their total adoration on the sun of the nation.

Our compatriots in Japan raise with very evident sincerity trees and flowering trees native to Mangyongdae, through which they nourish a feeling of loyalty.

Full of national pride and self-confidence that great Comrade Kim Il Sung is their leader, our people live and fight vigorously at all times and everywhere along the road pointed to by him and they are filled with a high resolve to remain loyal to him forever.

A new, solemn resolve is born in the hearts of our entire people as they celebrate the memorable holiday of April, the resolve to show their intense loyalty to the respected leader.

They will march the one road of victory with unwavering feeling of loyalty. By so doing, they will please the great leader.

They are determined to hasten the bright day when the Juche idea will sweep the whole of society and surely carry to success the revolutionary cause paved by the great leader.

A Country Where Everyone Is Evenly Well Off

Under the socialist system—the most excellent of all systems—established by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, all our people are leading an equally abundant life. Precisely this is due to the fatherly leader's warm loving care.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has noted:

"Thanks to our Party's correct policy of uniformly and systematically improving the people's living and to the annually increasing tremendous additional benefits of the state in particular, the living conditions of the entire working people of our country are guaranteed by the state and their material and cultural lives are improved steadily and evenly."

Incorporated in our policy of serving the people is the requirement of the Juche idea that in tackling everything the first consideration should be given to men and everything be placed to serve them. By this policy all material wealth of the country is entirely placed at the disposal of our working people.

As the national income increases in harmony with the rapid growth of production, the monetary income of our working people keeps rising. The taxation system has completely been abolished. Prices are cut systematically. The result is that the people's real earnings are increasing swiftly.

To be mentioned here in particular is the fact that the state gives the working people a great deal of additional benefits to satisfy their basic and essential demands for living—from food, clothing and housing to the education of children, medical treatment and conditions of labour and rest.

The state supplies the workers, office employees and their family members with sufficient amounts of food. Rice price is next to nothing; it is only 8 *chon* per kilogramme. The price is so low that people are unconcerned with how much rice costs them to support themselves a month.

The state provides, at a discount of 30-60 per cent, all the pupils and students with fine clothes in all seasons every year. It supplies the kindergarten and nursery children with clothes at reduced prices of over 50 per cent.

It also provides all the working people with good living quarters. During the Six-Year Plan period alone, houses for hundreds of thousands of family units were built in towns and the countryside.

Our workers and office employees live in the houses with so many amenities of modern life. It is worth mentioning that the house-rent accounts for no more than 0.3 per cent of their living expenses and electric, heating and water charges do not exceed 3 per cent of the cost of their living.

Our farmers also live in the rent-free houses erected at state expense.

The benefits our working people now receive from the state are greater than the share they get according to their work done.

In our country the basic living conditions commensurate with socialist society are fully ensured by the state and our people live a happy life evenly.

Distinctions between workers and farmers in living standards and between urban and rural inhabitants in living conditions also dwindle gradually.

The state takes various measures to increase the farmers' earnings.

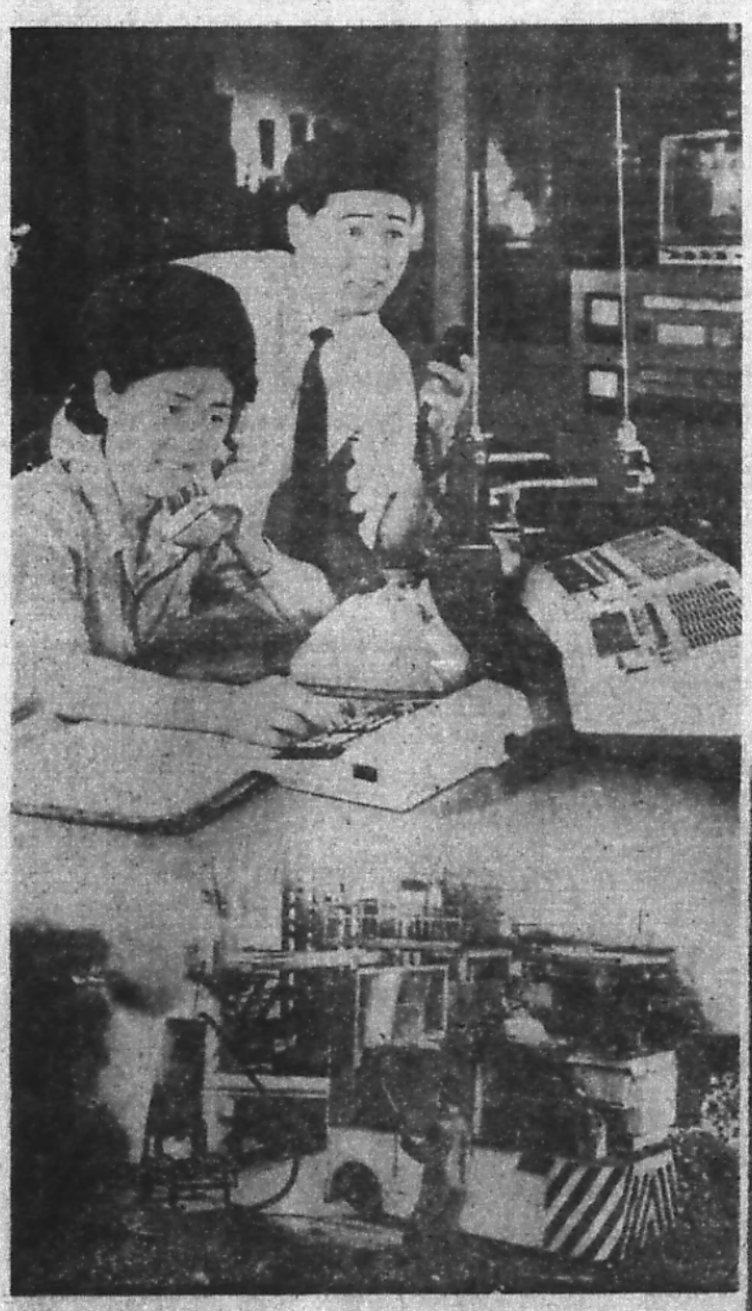
Bus service has been introduced in every rural village and the work to develop the clinics in rural communities into hospitals has been wound up. And laying water lines in all rural villages and covering the countryside with the TV network are now making brisk headway. These bespeak that our farmers are now provided with living conditions which are quite as good as those of urban dwellers.

We are well aware of the fact that our happiness of today is the outcome of the fatherly leader's wise guidance and his paternal care. That is why we extend unbounded gratitude to the great leader and our hearts are aglow with loyalty to him.

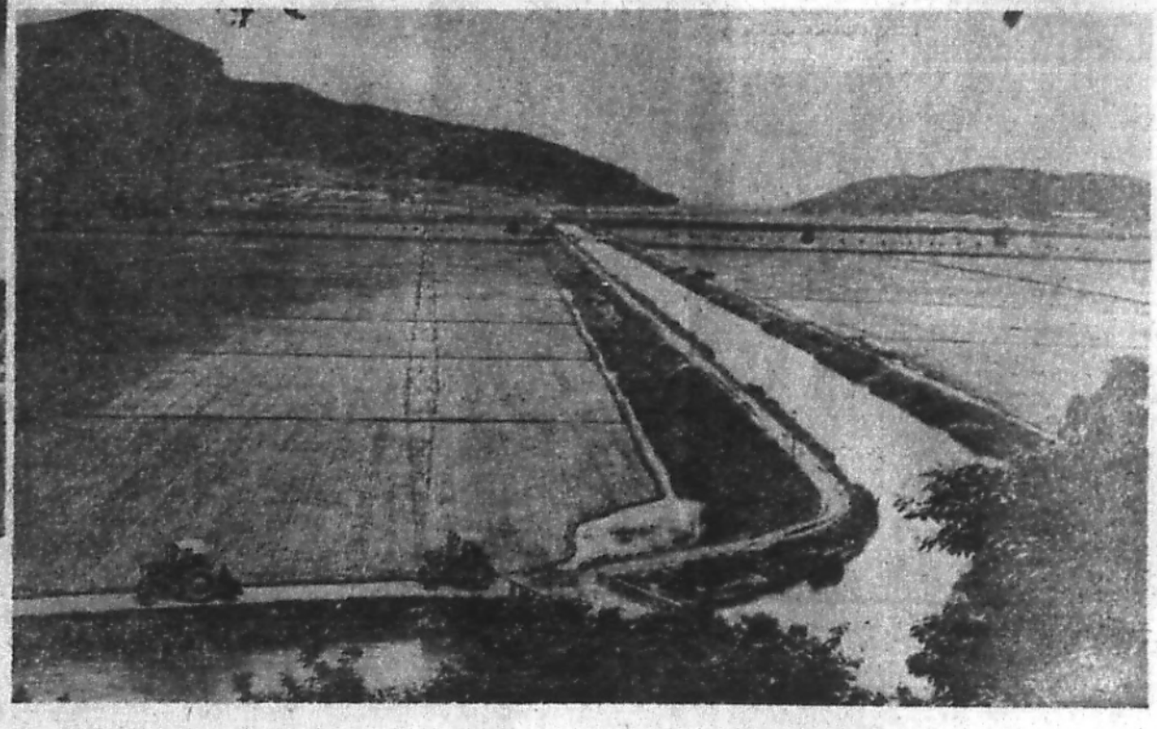
Han Su Chon

Bright smiles spread at every home

Sure Guarantee for Prosperity of Country and People



Our Juche-based industry in the process of automation



Irrigation water flows into co-op farm fields

Korea is a country of independence. It stands imposingly in the East as a socialist industrial state.

Korea's progress in the building of a self-supporting economy is so amazing that it is called a "miracle of the 20th century". Big metallurgical plants, power stations, machine-building factories and other heavy industry factories, modern light industry factories and thousands of local industry factories have come into being all over the country in the course of building the self-reliant economy.

In the countryside paddy and dry fields are well irrigated and drone of machines is heard everywhere.

Centuries-old backwardness and penury left over by the colonial society have been eliminated and a powerful independent national economy has been built in this land glowing with radiant rays of Juche.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"Thanks to the Party's correct line of building an independent national economy and to the popular masses' heroic struggle for its implementation, our once underdeveloped colonial agrarian country was converted in a historically very brief period into a socialist industrial state with its powerful heavy industry, modern light industry and developed agriculture."

Korea's powerful independent national economy—this is an immortal exploit performed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, father of the Juche idea and genius of creation and construction, in the field of economic construction.

The great leader who had victoriously organized and led the arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to put an end to the cursed colonial rule and realize the cause of fatherland restoration put forward a unique line of building an independent national economy in the first period of building a new homeland.

It was a great line which indicated the only correct way of materially guaranteeing an independent and creative life of man for the first time in history. In accordance with this line our people dynamically embarked upon the road of building a new life.

Difficulties bristled up one after another in the course of building a self-sustaining economy, but the great leader, an extraordinary master of the art of leadership, inspired our people to a heroic struggle and led them to work miracles, tiding over all difficulties with his iron will and persevering revolutionary sweep.

The task of industrialization—which took the other countries a full century or even a few centuries—has thus been accomplished in our country in only 14 years. Owing to its backward economy, our country underwent national tribulations for a long time, subjected to all sorts of insult and humiliation. But after liberation our country completely eliminated its economic backwardness and deformity caused by Japanese imperialist colonial rule and has become an independent state with a powerful economy in a short space of time.

Today an independent modern industry with powerful heavy industry as its core has been created in our country.

Our heavy industry is furnished with all branches—the developed machine-building industry, the metallurgical, chemical, power and mining industries, etc.—and its inner structure has been more perfected. Our heavy industry surely guarantees the rapid progress of expanded reproduction. Our country has caught up with the advanced industrial countries in the per capita output of major industrial products, that is, electricity, steel, coal, cement, chemical fertilizers and so forth, and surpassed them in some items some years ago. It witnessed 2.2 times of growth in the value of gross industrial output during the Six-Year Plan as compared with 1970.

Our country could not even make simple farm implements properly before liberation, but is now in a position to manufacture electric and diesel locomotives, 6,000-ton power presses, vessels of tens of thousands of ton class, large machines, precision machines and complete sets of equipment for outfitting modern factories, which are all the products of the modern industry.

Firm light industry bases have also been set up. Before liberation the per capita output of fabrics was 14 centimetres. But it was brought to more than 30 metres a few years ago. The goal of 500-600 million metres of textile fabrics envisaged in the Six-Year Plan has successfully been attained. Rapid progress has also been made in the foodstuff industry and the daily necessities manufacturing industry, with the result that our light industry with its all sectors of production now fully meets the working people's demands for consumer goods from draperies to articles for cultural use.

The technical equipment of our industry has been modernized. In accordance with the line of fulfilling the three major tasks of the technical revolution, comprehensive mechanization and automation have been widely introduced to gradually get rid of arduous and harmful labour and equipment has been replaced with large-sized, high-speed and modern one to step up production in an efficient way.

Our industry is powerful because it firmly relies on its own raw materials.

Exploitation of abundant resources, building of raw material bases by the industrial method based on the Juche-based science and perfection of new production processes relying on its own raw materials and fuel—all this has enabled our industry to rely 75 per cent of raw materials upon those available at home.

Today the capitalist economy is in the midst of a great economic upheaval due to the shortage of raw materials and fuel. But our industry developed at an incessantly high tempo. Its annual growth rate averaged 12.8 per cent during the Seven-Year Plan and 18.4 per cent in the Six-Year Plan period.

Our agriculture is also being industrialized and modernized. The most developed and perfect irrigation system has been introduced in our socialist countryside. The length of irrigation channels spreading far and wide in the countryside is enough to go round the earth. Electricity found its way into all farmhouses long ago. Annual consumption of electricity in the countryside has reached the level of the advanced countries of the world. Each co-op farm in our countryside has over 20 tractors and 3-4 trucks on an average and many other modern farm machines and efficient machinery and equipment serving agricultural production are on the steady increase as days go by. The amount of chemical fertilizers applied has already reached the level of more than one ton per *chongbo*. In order to narrow the differences between industrial and agricultural labour, technical revolution has successfully been pushed ahead. Labour of our farmers who were historically tormented by hard toil has now become easier.

As required by the Juche-based farming method created by the great leader, a radical change has been brought about in the farming method. The highly-intensive farming method and new farming method conforming with soil, meteorological and climate conditions and biological properties of the crops have been introduced in an allround way, thereby ushering in an era of scientific farming.

With the firm material foundation of agricultural production laid and the original Juche-based farming method fully introduced in our countryside, we have a complete mastery over intractable nature. Even at a time when the world agricultural production is at a crisis owing to the serious influence of the cold front, our country has achieved such a miraculous success as increasing agricultural production by over 30 per cent a year.

Indeed, our country has a firm material base for fully guaranteeing the prosperity of the country and the nation and the happiness of the people—that is, a powerful independent national economy which can satisfy the needs of economic construction and defence upbuilding and the diversified and ever-growing demands of the people's living for heavy and light industrial goods and farm produce with domestic production.

Li Chan Sun

The great leader's immortal Juche idea is widely introduced in many foreign countries

"The Juche Idea Is a Main Ideological Trend of Our Time"

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said:

"The world's people are now demanding the Juche idea and many countries are on the road of independence. This is an irresistible trend of our time."

Ours is an era of independence when the people who were oppressed and maltreated in the past have taken their place as the master on the world arena and are carving out their own destiny independently and creatively.

The great Juche idea founded by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is spreading fast all over the world with a great attraction and gripping the hearts of hundreds of millions of people with a great force, because it most correctly reflects the requirement and trend of our time.

"The Juche Idea", organ of the "Society for the Study of Korean Affairs" in Gunma Prefecture, Japan, said:

"To study Marxism was a trend in the mid-19th century and to have faith in Leninism was an important tendency in the early 20th century. But to study and grasp Kimilsungism has become a powerful trend of our time that no force can check."

In countries of Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and the rest of the world, progressive personages of political, public, academic and press circles and many revolutionary people are now striving to make a deep study of the Juche idea.

In every nook and corner of the world they organized a number of study groups and study committees under various names—"Group for the Study of Kimilsungism", "Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung", "Society for the Study of the Juche Idea", "Group for the Study of the Revolutionary Idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung", "Group for the Study of Works of Comrade Kim Il Sung," etc.— with a view to stepping up the work for studying the Juche idea, the immortal revolutionary idea of the great leader, and his immortal classic works.

The group for the study of the Juche idea has been formed and active even in the United States.

Immortal classic works of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung are published and propagated in many countries. This shows the burning desire of the world's people to follow and learn the great Juche idea.

"Kim Il Sung: Biography", "Brief History of the Revolutionary Activities of Comrade Kim Il Sung", "Short Biography of Kim Il Sung" and "Kim Il Sung: Selected Works" and other immortal classic works of the great leader are widely translated and printed in many countries on the five continents. Publications of various countries are vying with each other in carrying his classic works.

The "Committee for the Translation and Publication of the Works of Comrade Kim Il Sung", "Committee for the Translation of the Works of Comrade Kim Il Sung", "Editorial Office for the Publication of the Works of President Kim Il Sung", "Committee for the Publication of the Works of President Kim Il Sung" and "Printing House for Comrade Kim Il Sung's Works" have been organized in a number of countries.

A responsible worker of a publishing house in Lebanon mainly engaged in putting out the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's works had this to say:

"We are convinced that the only guiding idea leading the present era is the Juche idea founded by President Kim Il Sung. When we say the progressive press assumes before the times the duty to disseminate the advanced ideas of the era, our first and foremost task is to bring out the valuable works of President Kim Il Sung."

According to the data made public, between 1971 and 1973 immortal classic works of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung were translated and put out in a total of 5-6 million copies every year in many foreign countries. And during this period his works appeared in over 500 kinds of publications and more than 120 million to 140 million copies were distributed every year.

In 1975 alone the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's classic works were translated and published with a total circulation of tens of millions in over 50 countries and his works widely came out in publications of many countries and the number of copies amounted to hundreds of millions.

The activities to study and propagate the undying Juche idea and strive for its embodiment have already grown beyond the bounds of a few men and a few countries and are being stepped up on an international scale.

National, regional, continental or world seminars on the Juche idea take place in succession. In recent years alone, such seminars were held in many places—Beirut in Lebanon, Freetown in Sierra Leone, Mogadiscio in Somalia, Lome in Togo, Lima in Peru, Tokyo in Japan, Limassol in Cyprus, Antananarivo in Madagascar, etc.

The attendants of the seminars exchanged the successes and experiences gained in the course of the strivings to study and embody the great Juche idea.

A grand "International Scientific Seminar on the Juche Idea" was held in Antananarivo last year with the participation of the delegations and representatives of parties, governments and revolutionary organizations and prominent figures of various circles from over 50 countries of the world, leaders and people of Madagascar, over 1,000 in all.

The declaration adopted at the seminar pointed out:

"With deep understanding of the scientific and universal significance of the revolutionary idea, the integral system of ideology, theory and methods of Juche whose truth and justice were clearly proved in the course of the leadership of revolution and construction by respected Comrade President Kim Il Sung under the most arduous and complex conditions over a period of half a century, we consider that it is only natural to call this original idea in combination with the august name of Comrade President Kim Il Sung.

We recognize the need of establishing an international institute in the future for a regular and effective exchange of successes and experiences gained in our activities and more successful development of our common work, in order to study and embody the Juche idea under the historic circumstances where the international concern for and understanding of the Juche idea are heightening further still."

The declaration hoped that the next seminar would be convened in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the homeland of Juche, to grandly celebrate the birthday of President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Juche idea and outstanding thinker and theoretician.

The International Institute of Juche Philosophy was founded in Italy on March 20, 1977.

Meanwhile, the socio-political activists, scholars, theorists and writers of various countries made public a large number of treatises and articles including "Comrade Kim Il Sung Is a Thinker and Theoretician of Genius", "The Juche Idea Is a Main Ideological Trend of Our Time" and "The Juche Theory Is an Encyclopedia of Our Era" so as to convincingly prove the greatness of the Juche idea and its invincible vitality, its position and role in the development of human thought and its world-historic significance.

Abdallah Ahmed Murshid, a public figure of Democratic Yemen, said:

"The great theory of Juche gives a perfect exposition of all problems raised in different stages from the anti-imperialist, national-liberation revolution to the socialist and communist revolution, the problems confronting mankind in our age. Precisely herein lies the unshakable reason for the Juche ideology to be an immortal classical idea.

By giving comprehensive answers to the fundamental principle of the revolution, all the basic questions arising in different stages and areas of the revolution and construction and all the cardinal questions raised by our time, the Juche ideology has become a main ideological trend of our time representing the present and the future of Communism. That is why the progressive people and revolutionaries of the world follow and learn the Juche idea and clearly see their road ahead from it."

Bonois Ansar, a university professor of France, noted:

"Kimilsungism is the acme of the thought of the working class. It is the guiding idea, the guiding theory and the guiding method of our time and a beacon flare indicating the course of human history.

Kimilsungism has become the trend of our time, the guiding idea of the world revolution and the firm faith of the revolutionary people. It finds its way into all continents and oceans with great impact. It has become the banner of sweeping away all sorts of filth of the old society and imperialism and colonialism and creating a new world.

Long live great Kimilsungism!"

All the facts patently prove that the ranks of adherents of the great Juche idea are growing constantly on the earth and that advancing along the road indicated by the Juche idea is an irresistible trend of our time.

Feelings of unbounded respect and reverence for the great leader keep growing among the revolutionary people the world over

A foreigner's family studying the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary idea

We Only Trust and Follow the Great Leader

It happened in Hongchon county, south Korean Kangwon Province.

The lunar New Year's Day (February 18) dawned. Early that morning an old man Kim's family members made their respectful bow to him according to the old custom. His relatives and villagers also came to pay him their respect on the New Year's Day. On the occasion, the grandpa told them: "Listen, all of you. You ought to offer your first greetings to General Kim Il Sung, father of the nation and the sun of all mankind, and wish him longevity rather than bow deeply to me. That's what you should do, I think."

And then he added:

"The country's reunification, people's happiness and the nation's eternal prosperity depend on his longevity. So, praying for his longevity should remain as the spirit of our family, the tradition of our village and, moreover, as the bounden duty of the people of our country from generation to generation."

Saying this, the old man Kim came out into the garden together with his family members, relatives and villagers. They looked up to the sky over the northern land and made profound obeisance, reverentially wishing the illustrious leader General Kim Il Sung good health and a long life.

As you see, nowadays the south Korean people hold the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in deep reverence eulogizing him as "the sun saving the whole world and all nations."

Here is a story about a young man who gave up a college course half-way, unable to earn his school expenses in Seoul and now engages in farming in his native village, Chongsong county, North Kyongsang Province. One day in mid-January village lads were present at an "evening reading party." To them he said:

"The road we should follow is the road indicated by the great leader General Kim Il Sung.

General Kim Il Sung is a legendary hero who mustered troops composed of hot-blooded youths and mowed down the large forces of the Japanese imperialist army a million strong like cutting down grass in heaps, thereby delivering the nation and restoring the country. He ably administers state affairs. He built a new world in the northern land, a world where the workers and peasants are the masters.... My heart glows with the adamant determination to attend only one person—General Kim Il Sung, the supreme brain of the nation. This is my iron-strong faith. Let us all hold General Kim Il Sung in high esteem and advance along the path pointed to by him."

A certain Choe working as a lawyer in Seoul spoke in high terms of the Juche idea initiated by the great leader and his undying revolutionary exploits. His admiration was expressed at a place of rendezvous with his colleagues.

He had this to say:

"That is why so many people loudly shout 'Long live General Kim Il Sung!' at the hazard of their lives even under the revitalized dictatorship. No truce line dividing the country into the north and the south lies across the minds of the south Koreans who pay a high regard to President Kim Il Sung, the great sun of the nation."

The feelings of boundless veneration and affection entertained by our fellow countrymen in the south towards the great leader figure large in the printed matters which find their way into every nook and corner of south Korea with increasing frequency.

Some time ago leaflets were pasted up in and around Suwon city, Kyonggi Province. One of them reads:

"Long live the great leader! The great leader President Kim Il Sung is not only the leader of our nation but the leader of the oppressed peoples of the world as well. Let us all practice intense loyalty to President Kim Il Sung with all our devotion!"

Now, about a worker of a marine transportation company in Pusan, South Kyongsang Province. Before a few dozens of his fellow workers assembled, he related a story about the splendid reality of the northern half of the Republic which has been converted into an earthly paradise and about the worthy life of its workers. After his recounting, he looked up at the northern sky and shouted "Long live General Kim Il Sung!" at the top of his lungs and sang "Song of General Kim Il Sung" in high spirits. At the moment puppet policemen fell upon him. He valiantly resisted them, crying out: "I follow only General Kim Il Sung. I support the politics of General Kim Il Sung. You scoundrels may take me away, but you can't efface 'Song of General Kim Il Sung' from my mind, the song enshrined deeply in my heart."

It is a daily occurrence that such activities are conducted in defiance of brutal persecution and torture and even death in all parts of south Korea.

What makes the hearts of all south Korean people beat together, irrespective of occupation, age, sex and residence? It is the deep-rooted desire and unshaken faith of the south Korean people who submit their infinite esteem and courtesy to General Kim Il Sung, the sun of the nation, trust and follow no-one else but him and wish to enjoy a happy life under his tender care, in his embrace. With no power of authority whatsoever, can the enemy stem this rising tide of public sentiment.

The day is sure to come when the ardent desire of the south Korean people will be made real.

Kimilsung Flower

Here is a rare flower with its beautiful blossoms. Kimilsung flower is its name. No wonder, it attracts particular attention of our people.

The stalks give flavour native to tropics. The leaves are provided with alternately arranged leaflets. The flowers with tones of purple are in solitary clusters produced at the ends of the drooping shoots.

Attracted by the elegant and delicate charm of the flower we stop for a long while to drink in its beauty.

It is not for the mere beauty from its ecological feature that this flower is so much admired by our people.

Here is a story that moves us deeply.

The flower is not so universally known. It gives its name to the botanical family Orchid. Its appearance owes to the long-drawn-out painstaking efforts of a botanist of a country.

Much effort has been devoted to giving an exalted name to this new, rare and charming variety so much treasured.

The response came and the Head of State of a country, so charmed with the beauty of this flower, proposed calling it Kimilsung flower after the name of the esteemed great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, father of the immortal Juche idea, whom the world's people unanimously hold in respect and reverence.

Hence the name Kimilsung flower.

This is how Kimilsung flower made its appearance. Carrying the warm affection of the world's people for him, it crossed continents and oceans and took root in this land. Kimilsung flower will be eternally in full bloom, enjoying the love from our people and the people across the world.

The "International Scientific Seminar on the Juche Idea" held in Madagascar

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